

Wednesday May 21, 2025

Informal Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 21, 630 pm

With Councilperson John Chereskin and Treasurer Laurie McCarthy

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Planning

1. Introduction and preliminary discussion on budget ideas

2. Welcoming public comment from residents to share ideas, concerns, and feedback on items to consider for upcoming budget planning

Public comments only - no voting

Council Meeting: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

Place: 130 Bonnet Shores Rd-Narragansett -Zoom *with no guarantee of accuracy*

Date: Wednesday May 21, 2025

Time: 7:30 pm

Call to Order at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of Silence

Urgent Business - None

Announcements - Clarification:

Virtual access is being provided only as a convenience and is not an official "location" where access to the meeting is guaranteed. If there are technical difficulties with the zoom, we will proceed with the meeting. Therefore, being physically present at the meeting is the only way to guarantee complete and uninterrupted access to the meeting.

"In order to preserve order and decorum, and to avoid interfering with the ability of spectators to see and hear, any other person's video recording or photographing of the meeting should do so from a designated area. **CHANGE** the seating to the back side of the building

All BSFD official district information available on bonnetshores.org website

All agenda items are up for consideration.

Approval of Minutes:

Treasurer- Update: Rebuilding of Colonel John Gardner Rd-
BSFD share paid to the Town. \$17,933.49 (12 ½%) Local Match
\$75,000 reimbursement grant, waiting for DEM contract.
We have NOT received any funds-reimbursement grant

Tax Collector- Update- Update on tax sale, to be in conjunction with the Town
-Sale October 9th-Notices July -

Land Trust- Update – Approval of Memorial Bench that was bypassed

Manager and Harbor Update: Report.

Social Committee: Update –

Website: Update

New and ongoing Business Motion-Discussion-Vote

- 1. Discussion, consideration and vote on draft proposed legislation for amending Section 2, to include the one person per unit vote for the Beach Club Condominium units, per Council's vote 7-0 at the April 16, 2025 meeting; and to include residents, irrespective of ownership of property, and resolution sending the attached proposed legislation to the Rhode Island General Assembly.**
- 2. Discussion, consideration and vote on the appointment of two Council members to the Nominating Committee per Bylaws.**
- 3. Discussion, consideration and vote on Annual Meeting location and potential date change.**
- 4. Discussion on future workshop late May/June re/and ongoing discussion of suggested changes to Charter and/or Bylaws other than voting franchise, including fiscal responsibility amendments involving capital expenditures, emergency expenditures, debt approval by Council/qualified voters, tax increase limitations, and tax exemptions, purchasing, and election process.**

Attachment to the Agenda

Public comment from in-person audience only; come up to mic,
identify yourself: 3 minutes.

Motion to adjourn.

BSFD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BSFD COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING INVITATION

Time: May 21, 2025 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Wed, until Jun 18, 2025, 8 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following in Calendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

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Join Zoom Meeting

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the Bonnet Shores Fire District Charter, Section 2, on qualified voters by deleting the first paragraph of Section 2 and amending the Charter as follows.

~~SECTION 2. Every firm, corporation, unincorporated association and every person, irrespective of sex, of the age of eighteen years who is possessed in his or her own right of real estate in said district of the value of one Four Hundred (\$400) Dollars over and above all encumbrances, being an estate in fee simply, fee tail, for the life of any person, or an estate in reversion or remainder, the conveyance of which estate shall if by deed, have been recorded at least ninety (90) days shall thereafter have a right to vote at all meetings of the corporation. Any such firm, corporation or unincorporated association having title to real estate as aforesaid, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote through its duly authorized representative for such purposes. The duly authorized representative shall present to the Clerk before casting its vote and obtaining a ballot, an authorization by the firm, corporation or unincorporated association, which authorization shall be notarized and clearly identify the person authorized to vote on behalf of said firm, corporation or unincorporated association holding title to real estate.~~

SECTION 2: All qualified voters must be a citizen of the United States, of the age of majority (18 years or older), and meet one of the following criteria to vote:

(1) A person who has a “residence and home,” as set forth in the Rhode Island Constitution, in the District, and who shall be qualified and registered to vote with the Town of Narragansett Canvasser Board at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting or a special meeting, regardless of whether they own real property. Residence for voting purposes is as defined under R.I.G.L. § 17-1-3.1;

(2) A person who is an owner of residential taxable real property in the District, for at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting or a special meeting;

(3) A trustee or a single designated representative of a corporation, partnership, or LLC that owns residential taxable real property in the District, for at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting or a special meeting. This voter shall be designated and registered by an affidavit filed with the District before casting a ballot;

(4) A single designated deeded owner or designated representative of a corporation, partnership, LLC, or trustee that owns a district taxable condominium unit at the Bonnet Shores Beach Club Condominium Association at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting or a special meeting. This voter shall be designated and registered by an affidavit filed with the District before casting a ballot;

A voter shall only vote once, irrespective of owning multiple properties or qualifying under more than one category. A voter who is otherwise qualified to vote shall not be entitled to also vote as the designated person of a Bonnet Shores Beach Club condominium unit.

Second existing paragraph of Section 2 remains with minor edit:

Every person or firm qualified to vote as aforesaid shall vote in person, except that a person in common ownership to real estate may vote as the proxy of the other person who has been verified as being in common ownership in said real estate, provided that such proxy shall be in writing and filed with the Clerk at the meeting at which such proxy shall be used. The proxy shall be in a form to be furnished by the Clerk or otherwise approved by the Clerk. All voting shall be by ballot, unless waived by unanimous consent of those present at the meeting and qualified to vote, and the action of a majority at any **Annual Meeting meeting at which a quorum is present shall bind the District.**

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